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And Affected State Agencies and Interested Parties (see enclosed mailing list)

Re: **Statewide Cost Estimate**

CalSTRS Service Credit; 02-TC-19

Santa Monica Community College District, Claimant

Education Code Sections 22455.5, Subdivision (b), 22460, 22509, Subdivision (a),
22718, Subdivision (a)(1)(A), 22724, and 22852, Subdivision (e)

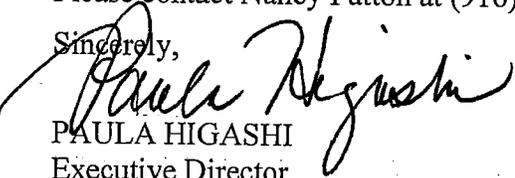
Statutes 1994, Chapter 603 (AB 2554); Statutes 1996, Chapters 383 (AB 3221), 634 (SB 2041),
and 680 (SB 1877); Statutes 1997, Chapter 838 (SB 227); Statutes 1998, Chapters 965
(AB 2765); Statutes 1999, Chapter 939 (SB 1074); and Statutes 2000, Chapter 1021 (AB 2700)

Dear Mr. Petersen and Ms. Brummels:

On March 27, 2009, the Commission on State Mandates adopted the statewide cost estimate of \$757,770 for the above-named program. This amount will be included in our next Report to the Legislature.

Please contact Nancy Patton at (916) 323-8217 if you have questions.

Sincerely,


PAULA HIGASHI
Executive Director

Enclosures

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4. *There is a wide variation in costs claimed for this program. The total amount of reimbursement for this program may be lower than the statewide cost estimate, because the SCO may reduce any reimbursement claim for this program.*

If the SCO audits this program and deems any reimbursement claim to be excessive or unreasonable, it may be reduced.

Staff reviewed the summary claiming data for 2006-2007 fiscal year in which claims were filed by 26 school districts, four (4) county offices of education, and nine (9) community college districts. To compare the amounts claimed, staff divided the total claimed amounts by the total number of certificated employees employed by districts. The per capita cost ranged from \$.21 to \$55.81 /certificated employee for school districts and county offices of education.

- The San Diego County Superintendent of Schools claimed \$22,267 for Employment Notices; the per capita cost is \$55.81/employee.
- The Humboldt County Superintendent of Schools filed a “combined” claim which includes costs for the County Office of Education, the Arcata Elementary School District, Klamath Trinity Joint Unified School District, and the Fortuna Union High School District for \$1,262. The per capita cost for the combined claim is \$4.52.
- The Tulare County Superintendent of Schools filed a “combined” claim for \$1,688, which includes costs for the County Office of Education, Sundale Union Elementary School District and Terra Bella Union Elementary School District. The per capita cost for this claim is \$ 5.08.
- The Orange County Superintendent of Schools filed a “combined” claim for \$2,500, which includes costs for the County Department of Education, the Ocean View School District, Saddleback Valley Unified School District. The per capita cost for this claim is \$.85.

Staff also reviewed the summary claiming data for the community college districts. To compare the amounts claimed, staff divided the total claimed amounts by the total number of certificated employees.¹ The per capita costs ranged from \$2.49 - 18.13 per certificated employee.

5. *The total costs of this program may increase in future years if there are significant increases in the number of CALSTRS members retiring in 2008-09 through 2009-2010 fiscal years.*

Methodology

Fiscal Years 2001-2002 through 2007-2008

The statewide cost estimate for fiscal years 2001-2002 through 2007-2008 was developed by totaling the 186 unaudited reimbursement claims filed with the SCO for these years.

The statewide cost estimate includes seven fiscal years for a total of \$759,770 for the *CalSTRS Service Credit* program. This averages to \$108,539 annually in costs for the state for this seven-year period.

¹ The certificated employee counts for community college districts were obtained from the California Community College Chancellor’s Office report on Staffing for Fall 2006. The counts for “Educ. Admin.,” “Tenured/Tenure,” and “Academic Temporary” were totaled.

Conclusion

The Commission adopted the statewide cost estimate of \$757,770 for costs incurred in complying with the *CalSTRS Service Credit* program.

Commission on State Mandates

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TO ALL PARTIES AND INTERESTED PARTIES:

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